



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2004 – 9:00 A.M.  
ROANOKE HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER – ROOM 212**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome** **Ms. Manns**
  - a. Roll Call School Board Clerk
  - b. Roll Call City Clerk
  - c. Invocation and Breakfast
- 2. Introductions and Opening Remarks** **Ms. Manns  
Mayor Harris**
- 3. Presentation of School Safety/Discipline  
Task Force Report** **Task Force Panel**
- 4. Discussion of Report** **Council and Board Members**
- 5. Topics for Discussion:**
  - a. Health insurance stipend for retired teachers
  - b. Consolidation of City/School purchasing follow-up report
  - c. Report from November 21, 2003 Council/Board Retreat
  - d. Discussion of Ways to Enhance Council/Board Relations
  - e. Coaching Vacancies at the High Schools
  - f. Status of High School Tracks
  - g. Middle School Interscholastic Athletic Programs
- 6. Recess/Adjourn.**



***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION***

***JULY 6, 2004  
12:00 NOON***

***ROOM 159***

***AGENDA***

**Call to Order and Roll Call by the City Planning Commission.**

**Opening Remarks. Mayor Harris/Chairman Manetta.**

- Review of Vision 2001-2020 Implementation Annual Report.  
(Staff)
- Neighborhood planning process status report. (Staff)
- How to arrest and reverse neighborhood deterioration in parts of the City.
- The need for better coordination between land use and transportation planning.

**Closing Comments.**

A communication from Mayor C. Nelson Harris requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**Approved (6-0)**  
**File #110-132**

A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City, pursuant to §2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**Approved (6-0) (Later during the meeting, the Mayor announced that the Closed Meeting would not be held.)**  
**File #2-132-166**

**THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE DECLARED IN RECESS TO BE RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOURTH FLOOR, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**



***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING***

***JULY 6, 2004  
2:00 P.M.***

***CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER***

***AGENDA***

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Statement of Purpose. Mayor C. Nelson Harris.
4. A report from the City Clerk advising of the qualification of the Honorable C. Nelson Harris as Mayor, and the Honorable Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Sherman P. Lea and Brian J. Wishneff as Members of the Roanoke City Council for terms of four years, each, commencing July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2008.

**Received and filed.  
File #132**

5. A Resolution recognizing the Honorable Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., to be a member of the City Council and Vice-Mayor of the City of Roanoke.

**Adopted Resolution No. 36760-070604. (6-0)**  
**File #132**

6. A Resolution recognizing the services of the Honorable C. Nelson Harris as Vice-Mayor of the City of Roanoke.

**Adopted Resolution No. 36761-070604. (5-0)**  
**Mayor Harris abstained from voting.**  
**File #132**

7. A Resolution establishing a meeting schedule for City Council for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2004, and terminating June 30, 2005.

**Adopted Resolution No. 36762-070604. (6-0)**  
**File #132**

8. A communication from Mayor C. Nelson Harris recommending certain committee assignments for the Members of Roanoke City Council.

**Approved as amended.**  
**File #132**



***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION***

***JULY 6, 2004  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING***

***CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER***

***AGENDA***

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Statement of Purpose:

Appointment of a member of Council to fill the unexpired term of C. Nelson Harris ending June 30, 2006.

**Adopted Resolution No. 36763-070604 appointing Brenda L. McDaniel to fill the unexpired term of C. Nelson Harris, ending June 30, 2006. (6-0)  
File #132**

4. Adjournment.

***Cutler***  
***36764-070604***



***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION***

***JULY 6, 2004***

***Immediately following Organizational Meeting***

***CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER***

***AGENDA***

**1. Call to Order – Roll Call.**

The Invocation was delivered by Elder Sylvan A. Moyer, Pastor, Unlimited Power Apostolic Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor C. Nelson Harris.

Welcome. Mayor Harris.

**NOTICE:**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541, OR ACCESS THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT [WWW.ROANOKEGOV.COM](http://WWW.ROANOKEGOV.COM), TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.

## **2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

Proclamation declaring July 2004 as Parks and Recreation Month.

**File #3-67**

3.

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Approved (7-0)**

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- C-1 Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, May 3, 2004, recessed until Friday, May 7, 2004 and recessed until Monday, May 10, 2004.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as recorded.**

- C-2 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, July 19, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, with regard to the leasing of a portion of City-owned property to locate a monopole antenna and support building adjacent to the Roanoke Civic Center.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.**

**Approved (7-0)**

**File #192-262**

- C-3 Annual report regarding activities of the Roanoke Pension Plan, Board of Trustees, for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.**

**Approved (7-0)**

**File #429**

- C-4            Qualification of George W. Logan as a member of the Board of Directors, Western Virginia Water Authority, for a term commencing March 2, 2004 and ending March 1, 2008.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.**

**Approved (7-0)**

**File #110-468**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.**

### **5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a.     Presentation by FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway with regard to the Last Chance Landscape Project. Susan Jackson Mills, Executive Director, and David Hill, President, Hill Studio, Spokespersons. (Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Fitzpatrick and Council Member Cutler)

**Council was requested to consider a regional approach to the Blue Ridge Parkway for economic development; spearhead a cooperative spirit between Roanoke County and the Town of Vinton to explore strategies that will improve the benefits of the Parkway for travelers to the City; and recognize the benefits of protecting and preserving the Parkway viewshed and the economical impact of the views to increase visitation to the Roanoke section of the Parkway through financial support of FRIENDS OF THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY's viewshed protection project. In spearheading the regional approach, the City of Roanoke was requested to provide grant services to help fund the initiative, budget \$15,000.00 over the next two years to match Roanoke County's support, or spearhead the community-based volunteer effort behind the plantings for the next three years and provide grant writing support.**

The request was referred to the City Manager for report and recommendation to Council.  
File #60-564

## 6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

### a. CITY MANAGER:

#### BRIEFINGS:

Virginia Department of Transportation Update – 50 minutes  
File #77

#### ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Execution of a 2004-2005 CDBG/HOME funded Subgrant Agreement with Community Housing Partners Corporation for rehabilitation and sale of eight houses in the Hurt Park/West End area.

**Adopted Resolution No. 36764-070604. (5-0)**  
**Council Members Cutler and Lea were out of the Council Chamber when the vote was recorded.**  
**File #178-236**

2. Acceptance of a Summer Food Program Grant from the U. S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services, in the amount of \$143,315.00.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 36765-070604 and Resolution No. 36766-070604. (5-0)**  
**Council Members Cutler and Lea were out of the Council Chamber when the vote was recorded.**  
**File #60-236-467**

3. Acceptance of additional funds to the Fire Programs Grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 36767-070604 and Resolution No. 36768-070604. (6-0)**  
**Council Member Lea was out of the Council Chamber when the vote was recorded.**  
**File #60-70-236**

4. Execution of separate Amendment No. 2. with Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern, Inc., and Mattern & Craig, Inc., for consulting services for bridge, tunnel, and overhead sign inspection services.

**Adopted Resolution Nos. 36769-070604 and 36770-070604. (6-0)**  
**Council Member Lea was out of the Council Chamber when the vote was recorded.**  
**File #102**

5. Authorization to indemnify and hold harmless W. S. Connelly and Co., Inc., in connection with donating certain property rights across Official Tax Nos. 2022205 and 3022820, in connection with the Lick Run Greenway Phase II Project.

**Adopted Resolution No. 36771-070604. (6-0)**  
**Council Member Lea was out of the Council Chamber when the vote was recorded.**  
**File #68-379**

6. Appropriation and transfer of additional funds in connection with the Civic Center Auditorium seating refurbishing project.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 36772-070604. (6-0)**  
**Council Member Lea was out of the Council Chamber when the vote was recorded.**  
**File #60-192**

7. Execution of a lease agreement with the Virginia Museum of Transportation, Inc., for two steam locomotives, known as the 611 and the 1218, currently housed at the Virginia Museum of Transportation.

**Adopted Ordinance No. 36773-070604. (6-0)  
Council Member Lea was out of the Council Chamber  
when the vote was recorded.  
File #229**

8. Transfer of funds in connection with development and implementation of a Public Art Master Plan.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 36774-070604 (6-0)  
Council Member Lea was out of the Council Chamber  
when the vote was recorded.  
File #60-230**

b. **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:**

1. Financial Report for the month of May 2004.

**Received and filed.  
File #10**

2. Amendment to the City Code with regard to limiting a locality's authority to deny a taxpayer's application for certain permits and licenses, under certain conditions.

**Adopted Ordinance No. 36775-070604. (6-0)  
Vice-Mayor Fitzpatrick was out of the Council Chamber  
when the vote was recorded.  
File #24-79-322**

**7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.**

**9. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.**

**10. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.

- Mr. Wishneff requested that Council engage in a work session on Monday, July 19, 2004, at 12:00 noon to discuss the process for moving forward on the Victory Stadium issue.

Without objection by Council, the Mayor advised that he would work with the City Manager and the City Clerk to schedule the work session.

File #122-132

- Mr. Wishneff spoke in regard to a formal method of recognizing funding by citizens and local government for arts and cultural organizations; i. e.: a regionalized State entity with funding to go through the regional entity as a formal line item in the State's budget; and, in exchange, citizens and local government from the region would be required to provide matching funds. He requested that the City Attorney draft the appropriate language to be forwarded to the Council's Legislative Committee for consideration.

File #60-137

Without objection by Council, the Mayor advised that the matter would be referred to the Council's Legislative Committee.

- Dr. Cutler concurred in the remarks of Mr. Wishneff and advised that he has been a long time advocate of a regional entity to speak on behalf of all art museums that qualify for inclusion in the Governor's budget.  
File #60-137
  - Dr. Cutler congratulated Nancy Snodgrass who was promoted to the position of Zoning Administrator, and Sheila Umberger who will serve as Acting Director of Libraries.  
File #51-323
  - Mayor Harris welcomed Council Members McDaniel, Lea and Wishneff.  
File #132
- b. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

## **11. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:**

**CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY FOR RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.**

- William J. Bryant, 124 Fleming Avenue, N. E., spoke in support of renovation of Victory Stadium. He advised that he strongly supports Roanoke's history through the preservation of historic buildings and facilities; the City of Roanoke should not compete with larger cities across the country, but remain stabilized and serve the citizens of Roanoke by letting their voices be heard; and citizens of Roanoke should have a voice in electing Council Members to fill unexpired terms of office on the Council. He called attention to potential problems during the Presidential election in November, 2004 relative to the new electronic voting machines and the reluctance of some citizens to use

the new equipment. He commended former Mayor Ralph K. Smith for his service to the City of Roanoke over the past four years.

File #40-80-122-132

- Ms. Helen E. Davis, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., expressed appreciation to former Mayor Ralph K. Smith for his service to the citizens of Roanoke. She expressed concern in regard to Council briefings which are held in the Council's Conference Room and are not televised on RVTV Channel 3 for viewing by the general public; and referred specifically to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge briefing on June 21 which was held in the Council's Conference Room and was not televised. She requested that any future briefings on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge project be conducted in a setting that allows for the proceedings to be televised by RVTV Channel 3.

File #102-132

- Mr. Robert Gravely, 729 Loudon Avenue, N. W., advised that the average person living in the City of Roanoke cannot afford to purchase a house; the City should offer incentives to keep citizens in Roanoke; the wishes of citizens should be acknowledged by Council; there is a need for honest and open government; there is a need for better maintenance of the City's streets; persons should be hired in key City management positions who will work with the citizens; and there should be greater recognition of the City's work force.

File #66

- Mr. Adrian Lewis, 2538 Belle Avenue, N. E., requested that Council, as elected officials, maintain open dialogue with the citizens of the City of Roanoke. He spoke in opposition to the renovation of Victory Stadium which is in the flood plain and lacks sufficient parking due to location of the

Bio Medical Center. He questioned the need for a 20,000+ seat venue (Victory Stadium).

File #122-132

- Ms. Evelyn D. Bethel, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., spoke in support of open communication between City Council and the citizens of the City of Roanoke. She asked that Council work with citizens from the bottom up, instead of from the top down, beginning with Roanoke's students and schools which are the backbone of the City. She asked that the comments of citizens be taken into consideration and that Council take the time to publicly communicate with citizens, as opposed to one-on-one dialogue.

File #132

- Mr. John Kepley, 2909 Morrison Street, S. E., congratulated the three new Members of Council and the Mayor, and advised that citizens will be working for a new day of peace, prosperity and advancement for the City of Roanoke. He called attention to the successful Fourth of July celebration at Victory Stadium which was attended by over 20,000 persons, and asked that Council Members keep their campaign pledges to the citizens of Roanoke who voted for them on the basis that they will restore this memorable and valuable City landmark.

File #122-132

## 12. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

The City Manager called attention to activities that occurred in the City of Roanoke over the Fourth of July weekend; i.e.: the Jehovah's Witness Convention at the Roanoke Civic Center with over 6000 participants, the Fourth of July Music for Americans celebration at Victory Stadium, and the Motor Madness program on the City Market.

She advised that July 1, 2004, will be remembered in the history of the City of Roanoke and the region as the day that the Western Virginia Water Authority took over water and waste water operations in the Roanoke Valley, which represents a significant beginning along the path of additional regional ventures.

File #87-468

The Council meeting was declared in recess and Council reconvened in Room 159 for a Virginia Department of Transportation update.

Following the VDOT update, the Council convened in Closed Session in the Council's Conference Room to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (7-0)**

Council reappointed the following persons to boards, committees and commissions:

**Youth Services Citizen Board  
File #15-110-304**

**Sharon Hicks and Wendi Wagner for terms ending May 31, 2007.**

**Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan  
File #15-110-429**

**Donna Johnson for a term ending June 30, 2008 and Michael W. Hanks for a term ending June 30, 2006.  
Captain Anthony Wallace for a term ending June 30, 2006.**

**Personnel and Employment Practices Commission  
File #15-110-202**

**Tamara S. Asher and William C. Holland for terms ending June 30, 2007.**

**Roanoke Valley Greenways  
Commission  
File #15-110-379**

**Talfourd H. Kemper, Jr. for a  
term ending June 30, 2007.**

**Roanoke Arts Commission  
File #15-110-230**

**William B. Hopkins, Jr.,  
Terri R. Jones, Mark C.  
McConnell and Kristi Pedelty  
for terms ending  
June 30, 2007.**

**Roanoke Public Library Board  
File #15-110-323**

**Herbert D. McBride for a term  
ending June 30, 2007.**

**Roanoke Valley Convention and  
Visitors Bureau  
File #110-293**

**A. Morris Turner, Jr. for a  
term ending June 30, 2005.**

**Board of Fire Appeals  
File #15-70-110**

**Edwin L. Noell, Bobby  
Lavender, and Mark K.  
Cathey for terms ending  
June 30, 2008.**

**Human Services Committee  
File #72-110**

**H. Clarke Curtis, Frank W.  
Feather, Pam Kestner-  
Chappelear, Randy Leftwich  
and Jane R. Conlin for terms  
ending June 30, 2005.**

**Flood Plain Committee  
File #110-237**

**Lucian Y. Grove, Bill Tanger  
Mack D. Cooper, Dennis  
Tinsley, Read A. Lunsford,  
Frank B. Caldwell, Herbert C.  
Berding, Jr., and Edgar V.  
Wheeler for terms ending  
June 30, 2005.**

**War Memorial Committee  
File #110-518**

**Alfred C. Moore, Robert O. Gray, Harold H. Sorrell, Sr. Philip C. Schirmer, and Sloan H. Hoopes for terms ending June 30, 2005.**

**Mill Mountain Advisory Committee  
File #67-110**

**E. C. Pace, III, Steven Higgs, Louise F. Kegley, Richard Clark, Eddie Wallace, Betty Field, Michael Loveman, and Carl H. Kopitzke for terms ending June 30, 2005.**

**Towing Advisory Board**

**Charles Brown and William F. Clark for terms ending June 30, 2007.**

**The Council meeting was declared in recess until Friday, July 16, 2004, at 12:00 noon in the Shenandoah Room, The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center for a presentation by Michael Boyd, President, Boyd Group Aviation Systems Research Group, on Community Team Building for Airports and the communities they serve, which meeting will be declared in recess until Monday, July 19, 2004, at 12:00 noon in Room 159, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, for a Council workshop to discuss the process for moving forward on the Victory Stadium issue.**